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SUBJ: STATUS REPORT ON BOXING VENTURES IN ABU DHABI

REF: STATE 161204

1. LETTER WAS SENT TO HONORABLE LAMAR GUDGER ON JUNE 18, 1978
SIGNED BY AMBASSADOR WITH CARBONS TO NEA/ARP WINN AND H/NEA
FLATEN. ENCLOSED WAS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
TO AMBASSADOR ENQUIRY. IN LETTER TO GUDGER, WE VENTURED OPINION
THAT "OUTLOOK FOR MR. FREEMAN'S VENTURE DOES NOT LOOK PROMISING
IN ABU DHABI IN THE NEAR FUTURE". ADDITIONALLY WE SAID THAT WE
"DO NOT BELIEVE THQT THE ABU DHABI AUTHORITIES WOULD BE VERY
INTERESTED IN A BOXING VENTURE WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE MUHAMMAD ALI".

2. MR. FREEMAN'S INQUIRIES TO THE PRESIDENTIAL COURT WERE
REFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SPORTS & YOUTH. INFORMAL
EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THEIR LETTER TO AMBASSADOR FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

3. TO: THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
YOUR EXCELLENCY:
THIS IS IN REFERENCE TO THE LETTER ADDRESSED TO US BY THE
PRESIDENTIAL COURT IN ABU DHABI ON TRAINING A BOXING TEAM
FROM THE UAE TO ENTER THE MOSCOW OLYMPICS IN 1980.
WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRXHMNWATION FOR THE COOPERATION YOU
HAVE INITIATED. SINCE THE UAE IS NOT YET READY ON THE NATIONAL
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STANDARD, WE REGRET OUR INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLYMPICS
WITH SUCH A TEAM, BUT WE HOPE TO DO SO WHEN A NATIONAL TEAM
FOR THE UAE HAS BEEN FORMED.
AS REGARDS THE STAGING OF BOXING MATCHES IN ABU DHABI TO INCLUDE
MOHAMMED ALI CLAY, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS REQUIRES VAST ARRANGE-
MENTS WHICH WE CANNOT AFFORD AT PRESENT. HOWEVER, WE HOPE
TO PREPARE OURSELVES FOR SUCH AN EVENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE

WHEN THE PROPER ATHLETIC INSTALLATIONS AT PRESENT UNDER
CONSTRUCTION HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.
WE THANK YOU ONCE MORE FOR YOUR KIND COOPERATION AND WISH YOU
CONTINUED PROGRESS AND SUCCESS.
SULTAN SAQR AL SUWEIDI
DIRECTOR YOUTH DEPARTMENT
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SPORTS AND YOUTH.
DATED JUNE 10, 1978. UNQUOTE.
DICKMAN

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